

IN THE CLAIMS:

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17. (New) An information processing method in an information processing apparatus connected to service provider device and terminal device, comprising the steps of:

storing personal information of a user;

receiving a request to perform a transaction with said service provider device from said terminal device;

reading a manner of using personal information by said service provider device;

reading one or more items requested by the service provider device from said stored personal information; and

sending said manner and said one or more items requested by said service provider device.

18. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein said manner requires that said personal information is to be used only by the service provider device.

19. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein said personal information is to be provided by the service provider to another service provider for use.

20. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein said terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

21. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein said personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-

mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

22. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, wherein said step of sending further sends a button for determining whether providing said one or more items to said service provider device or not.

23. (New) The information processing method of claim 22, wherein said button includes positive(yes) button of provision of personal information and negative(no) button of prohibition of personal information.

24. (New) The information processing method of claim 17, further comprising retrieving a reply from said user.

25. (New) The information processing method of claim 24, further comprising processing said transaction on the basis of said reply from said user.

26. (New) An information processing apparatus connected to service provider device and terminal device, comprising:

means for storing personal information of a user;

means for receiving a request to perform a transaction with said service provider device from said terminal device;

means for reading a manner of using personal information by said service provider device;

means for reading one or more items requested by the service provider device from said stored personal information; and

means for sending said manner and said one or more items requested by said service provider device.

27. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein said manner requires that said personal information is to be used only by the service provider device.

28. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein said personal information is to be provided by the service provider to another service provider for use.

29. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein said terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

30. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein said personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

31. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising a button for determining whether to provide said one or more items to said service provider device.

32. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 31, wherein said button comprises a positive button of provision of personal information and a negative button of prohibition of personal information.

33. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 26, further comprising means for retrieving a reply from said user.

34. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 33, further comprising means for processing said transaction on the basis of said reply from said user.

35. (New) A method of managing personal information of a user in an information processing apparatus connected to service provider device and terminal device through a network, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request to perform a transaction with a service provider from said terminal device;

extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of said user corresponding to said service provider, wherein said manner is how to use personal information; and

sending said manner and one or more items of personal information to said user requesting to perform said transaction.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, further receiving a confirmation reply from said user.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, further performing said transaction on the basis of said confirmation reply from said user.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said confirmation reply is selected by said user, from Yes button and No button.

39. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

40. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

41. (New) A managing personal information processing apparatus connected to service provider device and terminal device through a network comprising:

means for transmitting a request to perform a transaction with a service provider from said terminal device;

means for extracting a manner and one or more items of personal information of said user corresponding to said service provider, wherein said manner is how to use personal information; and

means for sending said manner and one or more items of personal information to said user requesting to perform said transaction.

42. (New) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, further comprising means for receiving a confirmation reply from said user.

43. (New) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 42, further comprising means for performing said transaction on the basis of said confirmation reply from said user.

44. (New) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein said confirmation reply is selected by said user, from Yes button and No button.

45. (New) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein said terminal device comprises a wireless device comprising one of a personal digital

assistant, a mobile telephone, a personal handyphone, a pager, a laptop computer and a handheld information processing device.

46. (New) The managing personal information processing apparatus of claim 41, wherein said personal information comprises one or more of a user payment information, a user home address, a user e-mail address, a user telephone number, a user date of birth, a user age, a user gender, a user occupation, a user password, and a user ID.

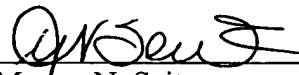
REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 1-16 have been cancelled and claims 17-46 have been added. Accordingly, claims 17-46 are at issue.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable consideration of the above-identified application by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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